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Ambassador to England has done. If the

Envoys and Consuls accredited to other

countries also men of the same mould, and

metal, we may look for a revolution in the

Board of Foreign Affairs, and many more

years' elapse. The Chinese youths, too, now

being educated in America and Europe

will soon return to take part in the educa-

tion of the affairs of their country, and

they also will bring with them a store of

Western knowledge and culture, together

with a proper appreciation of the power and

culture of Western nations, which will be

of incalculable service to their fellow-coun-

trymen.

The last two or three telegrams throw little

light upon the real policy of the British Gov-

ernment on the Eastern Question, England,

it said by Lord Darnley, will not allow

place to be made without having some voice

in the settlement; but on the other hand no

action is taken, and his Lordship, vainly

hints that the Government has no desire to

see the events of the Crimea repeated. Now

the policy of the Beaconsfield Administration

may be safe and cautious, but it is one at

which the integrity of the English people de-

pend. To them it seems undignified to be con-

tinually giving assurances which they fancy

other nations desire or disregard. It must

not be forgotten, however, that while the

British Government is very anxious to main-

tain British interests, it is also to enter upon

a war, which, however successful, must ne-

cessitate a terrible expenditure of blood and

treasure, and may involve nearly all Europe

in its destroying circle. Whatever the con-

sequences of such a war, the responsibility will

rest with the men at the helm of affairs, and

it is only right and natural that they should

look well before they leap. The present

Lord Darnley, unlike his gifted father, is not

the man to take "a leap in the dark."

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### TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

on Monday, *Per Nippon*, to-day, the 8th  
at 3.30 p.m.

on Tuesday, *Per Haploong* (also carrying  
*Per Haploong* and *Haploong*) *Per Dako*, to-  
morrow, at 3.50 a.m.

on Wednesday, *Per sailing ship*, to-morrow,  
at 10.30 a.m.

on Thursday and Friday, *Per sailing ship*, to-morrow, the 9th  
at 3.30 p.m.

BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

*Per French Contract Packet "TRAUCAD"*  
will be despatched from Hongkong on  
TUESDAY, the 10th January, with Mails to  
the United Kingdom and Europe.

...s, and Alexandria.  
Jewling will be the hours of **CLOSING**  
... &c.,  
**WEDNESDAY 10th January.**  
Money Order Office closes. Post Office  
closes before the NIGHT BOX, which remains  
open till midnight.  
**THURSDAY 11th January.**  
Post Office opens for sale of Stamps,  
and of Letters, and Posting of all terms.  
Registry of Letters closes.  
Post Office closes except for Late Let-  
ters. (Only Letters only) may be

on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents  
postage until  
T, when the Post Office CLOSES en-  
S BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.  
English Contract Packet "GEELONG"  
is dispatched with the Mails for Europe,  
THURSDAY, the 17th instant.  
Closing will be by the hours of closing the  
—  
FRIDAY, 16th instant,  
Money Order Office closes.  
Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,  
remains open all night.  
SAT..17th instant.

Post Office opens for sale of Stamps,  
of Letters, and Posting of all corre-  
spondence.

Post Office closes except for Late Let-  
ters, and Letters cases.

Letters may be posted on payment of  
Fee of 18 cents extra Postage, until  
when the Post Office CLOSSES entirely.

Letters (but Letters only) addressed  
United Kingdom *etc* *Brindisi*, or to  
any, may be posted on board the Packet  
at a Fee of 48 cents extra postage, until  
when the Mail is finally closed.

Consulate for the West Indies (except  
going to the Postal Union, the Ba-

the Ordinance, 1876, which comes into the 23rd instant.

the Ordinance no notice was re the departure of a vessel if not alve of departures for Canton or Macao. now required of any departure, though to sailing ships, the old rule will y remain in force, that notice need not less asked for.

XXV. requires that the first notie be

Post Office.  
cases of steamers plying regularly or on  
notice of any change in the day or  
be sufficient.  
and correspondence may still be sent on  
vessel after the Mail is closed at the  
ce.  
Minister-General takes this opportunity  
the attention of firms to the fact that  
words as Despatches will close at 11  
to the advertisement of a vessel are  
Consignees' letters are exempted by law  
being through the Post Office, but no  
allowed to make collection of such let-  
transmission under a penalty of £100  
during which the practice continued.

EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND SAIGON.  
Philippine Islands being now admitted  
General Postal Union, it follows that  
correspondence received from Manila  
is will be delivered free by this Office  
all paid correspondence sent to Manila  
is should be delivered free there.

IX. of the Postal Treaty of Berne  
that "Neither the senders nor the ad-  
dressees and other postal packets shall  
upon to pay either in the Country of  
or in that of Destination, any tax or  
than the recognised rates levied (in  
paid correspondence) by the despatch."  
It is hoped that any extra charge,

Extra charge will at once be made to the notice of the proper authorities, Colony.

It does not apply in any way to loose letters outside the mails. These will always be sent on arrival in Hongkong, and probably the Mail Office will adopt the same system.

Letters are sometimes received of extra correspondence exchanged between Hongkong and Saigon, but it is believed it is not found in all cases that the letters are sent post loose.

Letters are not received for the In-Packets.

payment of correspondence for the  
 India, Ceylon, and Aden, is compulsory  
 and opportunity it is forwarded.

REGISTRATION TO BANGKOK  
 The British Majesty's Consul for Siam has  
 enough to make arrangements for  
 which correspondence can be Regis-  
 tered at Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8

will be communication with Australia,  
 and Port Darwin, is follows —  
 TO BANGKOK BY FREIGHT PACKET  
 September 15th. November 29th.  
 LEAVE BATAVIA  
 October 1st. December 15th.

DUE AT PORT DALWYN.  
October 12th. December 24th.  
DUE AT SYDNEY  
th. October 31st. January 12th.  
DUE AT MELBOURNE.  
th. November 6th. January 18th.  
DUE AT ADELAIDE.  
st. November 12th. January 24th.  
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Batavia, from which place it may be  
warded without further charge.

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Letter or Packet, whether to be registered, can be received for Postage on gold or silver money, jewels, precious, or anything that, as a general rule to Customs duties.

Registration prohibits the sending of dutiable articles, unless the quantity small as to make the sample of no estimate of weight allowed as as fol-

END PAPERS.—To British Offices, lb. 10s., if without intrinsic value.

END PAPERS.—To the Continent, &c.,

Following articles cannot be sent by mail—Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Sandies, Soap, Indigo, Dry-stuffs or dangerous to the mails or offensive to persons dealing with them.

**PARCELS.**

It is reminded that, in China and elsewhere, much trouble is caused by the attempt to send small valuable trifles as Post, Fans, Cures, Articles of Work, and similar presents are being refused, the senders having no right to return them to the ship by steamer. No refund can be made, except of the value of the goods.

PATTERNS. . . . .  
density is experienced in obtaining a  
understanding of what is a Pattern. It  
is a sample of goods which the sender  
wishes to consist of the smallest possible  
incompatible with showing what the  
must have no intrinsic value.



